

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
SIXTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD TUESDAY, 26 MAY 1987, AT 4:30 P.M.
IN ROOM H-762, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-65-D1: V.P. Finance Report

1.1 Call to Order:

Chairperson Diane Dyson called the meeting to order at 4:53 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call:

Co-Presidents:

Maxine Clarke
Robert Douglas

Commerce:

Andrew Boosamra

Engineering:

Martin Corej (6:00)
Louis Hotte (7:40)
Stefan Potocki (5:20)
Joe Serruya

Arts and Science:

Marijan Benc
Thomas Burnside
Jeffrey Gordon
Andrew Jolicoeur
Andrew Madsen
Shawn O'Hara (5:10)
Niki Rossman (5:10)
Morty Shapiro
Nick Woppard

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Glen Cheverie, Paul Gott (W/R), Alex MacPherson (W/R), Emma Tibaldo (W/R)

Commerce: Lianne Bastien, Mimi Bengio, Cherine Hamam (W/R), Angelo Mylonakis

Fine Arts: Andreas Seibert, Jaime Yip (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson, Judicial Board; Curtis Johnston, Communications V.P.; Scott White, Finance V.P.

2 Approval of Agenda:

Chairperson Diane Dyson requested that Item 7.3, Judicial Board Conduct, be the first item of business because Alexandre Ciocilteu could not stay for very long. Maxine Clarke stated that the only

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appointment under Item 7.1 would be Vice-President External. Andrew Madsen requested that an update on the Women's Centre Proposal be added to the Agenda. Maxine Clarke stated that she would address this topic in the Co-Presidents' Report.

MOVE to adopt the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Andrew Jolicoeur

There were no objections to this motion.

7.3 Judicial Board Conduct:

Robert Douglas introduced Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson, Judicial Board, and stated that although he was not present at the last meeting when the conduct of Judicial Board was discussed, he would be able to answer any questions the Directors may have at this time. Maxine Clarke asked why it has taken so long to process the candidates' refunds of election expenses. Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that the CRO was supposed to handle this matter but she quit as soon as the election results were accepted at the Annual General Meeting. He further reported that she had all the documents and gave them over to Judicial Board just prior to the final exam period. Alexandre Ciocilteu stated that he started to work on the refunds as soon as the exam period was over. Morty Shapiro asked when the refunds could be expected, and Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that Judicial Board's budget had been frozen. Robert Douglas interjected that the budget had not been frozen, only the honoraria. Alexandre Ciocilteu stated in this case the refunds should be available by the end of the week.

Marijan Benc asked for a clarification of the results of the Political Science Students' Association election held in April. Alexandre Ciocilteu explained that there were two slates contesting the election and charges were laid after the election. He reported that he arranged an emergency meeting to investigate the charges, and gave everyone 24-48 hours notice. At this meeting, a provisional committee was struck to govern the association until September, at which time another election will be held. Robert Douglas stated that no formal hearing was held, and Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that all parties agreed at the meeting to the provisional committee. Jeff Gordon questioned the validity of the decision because there was no formal hearing, and asked whether the original complaints were submitted in writing. Alexandre Ciocilteu stated that the complaints were in writing, and he agreed that it was not a "formal" decision and that he should have notified the Board of Directors of the outcome of the meeting. Robert Douglas stated that proper procedures were not followed in this matter. Alexandre Ciocilteu argued that everyone at the meeting knew what he was doing. Robert Douglas stated that not everyone was in agreement. Nick Woppard reported that the slate that won the election was upset and had

made every effort to get in touch with Judicial Board, and he asked Alexandre Ciocilteu why he was not available. Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that he had no idea there was any problem until ten days ago when Robert Douglas contacted him.

Thomas Burnside asked why the Judicial Board decision regarding the case of the Concordian publishing homophobic material was never published, nor was the retraction by the Concordian published. Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that Frank Benson, former Chairperson of Judicial Board, never handed over the information on this case to the current Judicial Board.

Thomas Burnside stated that every effort was made at the LGFC elections to have the CRO present and no one from the CRO's office nor Judicial Board was there to oversee the election. Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that the Judicial Board does not like to be present at elections in case there is a dispute and Judicial Board is called upon to settle the matter. He added that it is up to the CRO to have a representative at the elections, and he apologized for this dereliction of duty. He also stated that because the winner was acclaimed in this case, there was no problem.

Thomas Burnside requested that Judicial Board submit a detailed report to the Board of Directors on their activities this year. Alexandre Ciocilteu agreed to write this report.

Nick Woppard asked who will serve on next year's Judicial Board. Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that representatives will be chosen over the course of the summer because Judicial Board has no official functions over the summer according to the constitution. Andrew Jolicoeur asked where this could be found in the constitution. Alexandre Ciocilteu responded that the representatives will be recommended to the Board of Directors in September. Maxine Clarke asked whether Alexandre Ciocilteu would be around over the summer, and he responded that except for the latter half of July he would be here.

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Thomas Burnside asked Robert Douglas to elaborate on the frozen funds. Robert Douglas stated that the honoraria have been frozen until the duties are completed. Thomas Burnside suggested that given the abysmal performance of Judicial Board, the honoraria should be withheld. Robert Douglas responded that the problems were not entirely their fault and as such it would not be fair. Thomas Burnside asked that the Board discuss this at a later date. Karen Takacs stated that it will be up to the Finance Committee to decide on the honoraria. Andrew Jolicoeur requested that the Finance Committee come back to the Board with their decision.

3 Approval of Minutes:**3.1 Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting:**

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Moved by: Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Andrew Jolicoeur

There were no objections to this motion.

3.2 Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Moved by: Andrew Madsen
Seconded by: Nick Woppard

Discussion:

Morty Shapiro requested that Niki Rossman and Joe Serruya be noted as "W/R" in the attendance for the meeting.
There were no objections.

VOTE : 13/0//1 Carried

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4 Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson Diane Dyson read a letter from Director Jaime Yip regarding the manner in which the candidate for V.P. Services, Helene Lee, was treated at the last meeting. In this letter, Jaime Yip denounced the fact that Helene Lee was not given the opportunity to address the Board following the revelation of certain information. Director Cherine Hamam had co-signed this letter stating that she agreed with the views expressed by Jaime Yip. Chairperson Diane Dyson announced that she had received a letter from Helene Lee, which Helene Lee requested be read at the end of any discussion on this matter. Andrew Madsen stated that the Board made its decision based on information that was brought to the Board and it would have been uncomfortable for all concerned had Helene Lee been given an opportunity to re-address the Board at that point. From her experience on hiring committees at the University, Karen Takacs stated that it is not unusual for information to be given to the committee in the strictest confidence and this information is not shared with the candidate. There was no more discussion on the subject. Chairperson Diane Dyson read the letter from Helene Lee in which she stated that she wished to withdraw her application.

5 Reports:**5.1 Co-Presidents' Report:**

Maxine Clarke reported that the annual conference of ANEQ was held over the weekend, and she represented CUSA at the conference together with Robert Douglas, Karen Takacs, Dominique Fournier, Francois Lefebvre and Maureen Chin. At the conference, it was agreed by the members that the plan of action for the coming year would be to obtain reforms regarding loans and bursaries, to follow up on the negotiations regarding the underfunding of CEGEPs and universities, and to fight privatization (tax reductions given to corporations for subsidizing research--as a result, corporations dictate in what fields research will take place and, as an example, 65% of research money goes to Engineering and none goes to Arts and Science). At the ANEQ conference it was also decided to hold an information campaign on student living conditions, and a congress will be held on October 3-4 to decide on the general platform for a strike to be held October 13-14. The fees for ANEQ have been raised from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per full-time student at each member institution. Seven cents of every dollar goes to ANEQ's Women's Committee. Morty Shapiro asked how much the increase would cost CUSA, and Maxine Clarke responded that it would amount to an increase of \$4,000. Maxine Clarke distributed a booklet prepared by ANEQ, and Dominique Fournier stated that she hoped to translate the relevant parts of the booklet and distribute the translation to the Board.

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Both Jeff Gordon and Andrew Jolicoeur wanted to know why the information was available only in French. Maxine Clarke and Karen Takacs explained that ANEQ is underfunded and cannot afford to translate all the documents, especially in view of the fact that only two of its member institutions are anglophone. This booklet in particular was not paid for out of ANEQ fees, but was published as the result of a grant. Furthermore, ANEQ made a commitment at the conference to translate when possible, and to have translators available at meetings in the future. Andrew Jolicoeur wanted to have on record the fact that he has read the English translation of ANEQ's newspaper Quebec étudiant.

Curtis Johnston asked what the status of MACA (Montreal Area CEGEP Association/Montreal Anglo CEGEP Association) is now that Dawson College has joined ANEQ. Maxine Clarke explained that MACA is an informal association and it does not preclude its members from joining other associations.

Andrew Boosamra asked whether CUSA was bound by ANEQ's positions, especially concerning the corporate tax breaks. Robert Douglas responded in the affirmative, explaining that CUSA took part in the decision-making at the conference.

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Regarding Andrew Madsen's request for an update on the Women's Centre, Maxine Clarke stated that they are looking for funding as well as for people to help out. She asked Karen Takacs to present a report as Item 5.4. There were no objections.

Robert Douglas announced that the recommended candidates for the positions of V.P. Education and V.P. Services and Orientation Chairpersons would be brought before the Board at its next meeting. The Liaison Committee will be set up in August.

Maxine Clarke reported that the Co-Presidents met last week with the executive of the Engineering and Computer Science Students Association regarding the agreement that former Co-Presidents Karen Takacs and Scott White had worked out regarding the service contract for the last two years. When the agreement is finalized, ECA will pay \$42,000 in three installments and this year's costs will be paid to the next administration. The Co-Presidents will be meeting again this evening with ECA, and the agreement will be brought to the Board for approval before it is signed.

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5.2 Executive Reports:

Finance V.P. Scott White distributed his report (BD-65-D1). He stated that at the next meeting of the Board, a detailed list of policies will be presented to the Board for discussion and approval. Discussion centered on the "Policy Highlights", points 1-8 in the report. Marijan Benc asked why only one non-revenue-generating social event would be allowed. Scott White responded that all the decisions regarding policies were historically-based, and that most groups only held one such event even though three were permissible. He added that these types of events are very expensive for CUSA, and underlying these policies is the need to save money. He further stated that beer bashes are not included in this category because they are supposed to make money. However, he stated that when revenue projections are not met, the money will be deducted from the group's budget. Jeff Gordon stated that some groups would prefer to hold one non-revenue-generating social event at the start of each term to attract new members, and requested that a financial limit be placed on this category instead of limiting it to one event. Regarding Point 3, Jeff Gordon asked why there would be no distinction between summer budgets and full-year budgets. Scott White responded that both budgets add up to one budget in the end, so this year he would like to eliminate the summer budget. Thomas Burnside asked him to elaborate on Point 8, and whether reallocations could be applied to revenues generated or past budgets. Scott White stated that there would be no carry-over of performance from year-to-year, and added that there is only a small number of groups that end up with positive results. Thomas Burnside asked if this could be looked at, and Scott White responded that exceptional cases can be appealed to the Finance Committee. Andrew Boosamra asked if a membership drive would be

considered a non-revenue-generating social event, and Scott White replied that it depends on what activities are planned.

(6:30) THERE WAS A TEN-MINUTE RECESS TO RECONVENE IN H-333-6.

Andrew Boosamra asked why Point 4 was included, and Scott White stated that it was there so that groups will refrain from spending money over the summer when the money could be spent later in the year and benefit more members in the group. He added that this does not apply to the media groups. Karen Takacs asked whether these policies would be included in the User's Manual, and Scott White replied that they will be if they are approved in principle at this meeting. Andrew Jolicoeur asked how much the deficit would be held in check by these new policies, and Scott White stated that he did not know. Andrew Jolicoeur asked for an explanation of Point 7, and Scott White stated that the T-shirts (or similar items) would have to be purchased by the group by the beginning of October, but that sales to the group members could take place during the year. Thomas Burnside commented that these policies would drain the lifeblood from CUSA and asked what is being done at CUSA as a whole in this regard, and whether the cuts are consistent across the board. Thomas Burnside also asked if the old policies could be given to the Board so that they could see the differences. Regarding Point 7, Maxine Clarke suggested that the date be moved to the end of October because classes start a week later this year. Scott White stated that it was a question of practicality and whether the groups would have time to sell the items if the purchase was made too late in the year. Scott White noted at this time that the following amendments had been proposed: Point 6, financial limit instead of one event; Point 7, date changed to end of October; Point 8, reallocation of over \$150 would have to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Chairperson Diane Dyson stated that the Policy Highlights would be discussed point-by-point instead of talking in circles. Regarding Point 1, Thomas Burnside asked how much money would be in the Speakers' Fund, and Scott White responded \$25,000. Thomas Burnside asked who would be considered eligible for funding, and Robert Douglas stated that the fund was for speakers open to the Concordia population but not entertainers because they could be funded through the group's general budget. On Point 2, Marijan Benc asked for the rationale behind allocating \$150 per group because it seemed like too much for some groups and not enough for others. Scott White replied that the average is \$148, and by automatically allocating this money, the budget approval process is quickened. He added that this category would be fully explained in the User's Manual. Referring to Point 3, Thomas Burnside asked when the groups would present their budgets. Scott White stated that this would happen after the User's Manual is distributed, probably by the middle of next week. Regarding Point 4, Karen Takacs stated that some groups, for example the African Students' Association, spend only during the summer because their executive and members are too busy academically during the year. Andrew Jolicoeur supported this view. Scott White stated that exceptions could be given consideration by the Finance

Committee. Thomas Burnside stated that executives are not in town now to discuss a full-year budget, and asked why a limit was being placed on the summer period if it is being considered a full-year budget anyway. Karen Takacs stated that placing a limit on summer spending might put a damper on valid activities. Andrew Madsen stated that the availability of members over the summer is lower, and that the money would be better spent when more members are around to take advantage of the activities. Max Wallace stated that, as proposed, groups will stop their activities in May and then wait until September to start up again. This interrupts the continuity when continuity and planning for the year should be encouraged. Maxine Clarke suggested that Point 4 be withdrawn, stating that if the Finance Committee does its job properly it will not make a difference if this point is included in the policy. Scott White stated that these are guidelines so that groups will know what is involved in obtaining approval of their budgets, and he agreed that there will be exceptions. Referring to Point 5, Thomas Burnside asked what constituted related expenses and Scott White responded that accommodation and travel are included but not food on the reasoning that one would have to eat no matter where s/he was. Maxine Clarke added that CUSA does not want to encourage extensive travel this year. Regarding Point 6, Scott White stated that a dollar limit, probably \$600, would replace the limit of one event. On Point 7, Shawn O'Hara asked if this would affect Carnival and Scott White said no. Regarding Point 8, Scott White stated that a reallocation of over \$150 would have to be approved by the Finance Committee.

MOTION 403:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves in principle the Policy Highlights as presented in the Finance Vice-President's report (BD-65-D1) with the following amendments:

Point 4: Deleted

Point 6: A limit of \$600 instead of a limit on the number of events.

Point 7: Date has been changed to the end of October.

Point 8: Reallocations of over \$150 have to be approved by the Finance Committee.

Moved by; Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Morty Shapiro

VOTE ON MOTION 403:

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7.4 Women's Centre Report:

Karen Takacs stated that over a year ago, the process of setting up a Women's Centre at Concordia University began. There are currently over 20 such centres in Ontario. She discussed this idea with the Advisor at the Status of Women Office and the Concordia Women's Collective last year. Originally, the idea was to have the Women's Centre as a project within CUSA. However, it was felt that the Women's Centre would be in jeopardy from year to year as the administration of the students' association changed. It was decided that the best approach would be to have a university-wide women's centre that would be open to undergraduate and graduate students, staff and faculty. A steering committee was formed to develop the proposal for the women's centre, and there were representatives on this committee from CUSA, CUNASA (non-academic staff association), CUFA (faculty association), GSA (graduate student association), Concordia Women's Collective, Women's Studies Students' Association, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, and Women's Athletics. In this way, the Women's Centre will be directed by the people it serves. There will be a full-time co-ordinator hired in September. At present, there is a Challenge '87 grant for 12 weeks over the summer for two full-time workers (Karen Takacs and Michelle Coutu). They are developing the proposal and looking for funding from within and outside of the University. The Women's Centre will provide referrals and information as well as serve as a drop-in centre and hold workshops, discussion groups and conferences. It will not, however, be duplicating any of the services already offered to women within the University. There will be a meeting next week to finalize the structures. In the future, they will be approaching CUSA for funding for two reasons: firstly, most of the users will be students; and secondly, when they approach others for funding, potential donors want to know how much the students' association is giving.

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7.3 Handbook Editor's Report:

George Kalogerakis reported that the advertising is going very well (\$10,000 revenue so far). He stated that the format is designed but a cover concept is still needed. If any Directors have any suggestions or are interested in helping out, he invited them to talk to him. He also requested that if any Directors knew club executives, he urged them to ask the club executives if they had handed in their group's description to the handbook. He stated that the handbook will be half-done by the end of May. Jeff Gordon asked when the handbook would be published. George Kalogerakis stated that would be ready in time for orientation, August 24th is the projected date.

6 Question Period:

Thomas Burnside requested that the homophobic grafitti on the walls in H-333-6 and in the corridor outside the room be cleaned up. Chairperson Diane Dyson stated that she would take care of this matter.

Jeff Gordon asked when the Speakers Committee would be formed. Robert Douglas responded that last year the committee was formed in September, and it probably will not be formed any earlier this year.

Karen Takacs asked why the amount quoted from the ECA agreement was lower than she remembered from the negotiations. Maxine Clarke stated that she has not seen the final ECA proposal although the Co-Presidents were supposed to receive it last week, and this figure was taken from the tentative budget. She added that there were no real changes to the proposal. Karen Takacs asked whether the Co-Presidents had done any research into the agreement. Robert Douglas responded that the change in the amount was due to mathematical errors made on the original proposal.

7 New Business:**7.1 Appointment - Vice-President External:**

MOTION 404:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints Dominique Fournier as Vice-President External for 1987-88.

Moved by: Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Morty Shapiro

Discussion:

Maxine Clarke introduced Dominique Fournier as the candidate recommended for the position by Hiring and Appointments Committee No. 1. Dominique Fournier stated that she would like to increase the general understanding among students of ANEQ and its functions, and she would like to see more students involved in ANEQ. She would also like to continue the work the External Committee began last year on a well-defined, comprehensive statement of principles, similar to CUP's (Canadian University Press) "Statement of Principles" and CFS's (Canadian Federation of Students) "Report on Access" (accessible education). Andrew Jolicoeur asked what qualifications she had, and Dominique Fournier responded that she worked on the External Committee last year and she would like to take a more active role this year. Andrew Jolicoeur asked how many applicants there were for this position, and Maxine Clarke responded that Dominique Fournier was the only person to apply. Shawn O'Hara commented that he had

worked with her on the External Committee last year and, in his opinion, she would be great for the position.

VOTE ON MOTION 404:

13/0/1 Carried

Dominique Fournier passed out a sign-up sheet for Directors who wished to volunteer for the External Committee.

7.2 Shuttle Bus:

MOTION 405:

WHEREAS there are no shuttle buses after 4:00 p.m. from the Loyola Campus and none after 4:30 from the Sir George Williams Campus; and

WHEREAS this makes transportation a difficulty for summer students taking evening courses; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors sends a letter of protest in this regard.

Moved by: Andrew Madsen
Seconded by: Jeff Gordon

Discussion:

Karen Takacs stated that the rationale behind this service was to "shuttle" students between campuses but not, however, to replace public transit. She added that there is a cost involved in this service, and suggested that it was better to cut the shuttle than some other essential service within the University. Andrew Boosamra suggested that less buses be scheduled in the morning and the schedule be extended into the evening. Marijan Benc suggested that the buses run less frequently over a longer period of time each day, and Karen Takacs responded that the cost did not come from the number of trips but rather the drivers' salaries. Andrew Boosamra stated that in addition to protesting the situation, the Board should suggest that the buses start later in the day and subsequently finish later, although the number of hours per day would remain the same. Maxine Clarke stated that the students are spoilt because of the lengthy service during the regular school year, and she felt that the shuttle schedule as it stands is appropriate because there are more students taking double courses during the day who need the shuttle more than the evening students.

VOTE ON MOTION 405:

5/6/3 Defeated

8 Date of Next Meeting:

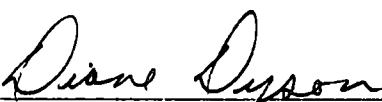
Chairperson Diane Dyson announced that the next meeting would take place on Thursday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m. in H-333-6 at the Sir George Williams Campus.

9 Adjournment:

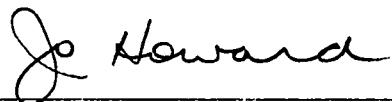
MOVE to adjourn.

Moved by: Jeff Gordon
Seconded by: Morty Shapiro

There were no objections to this motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Diane Dyson, Chairperson



Jo Howard, Recording Secretary